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Mr. Pike and 1984

Those who are now attempting the Orwellian task of making the people investigating our intelligence agencies the accused have ignored one question:

Why can those in the executive classify as secret anything they wish; and much to the point, declassify or leak those secrets they select for their own purposes as they do time and time again and do all this with complete impunity—while a duly constituted committee of the Congress cannot make such determinations in the national interest?

My heart goes out—as indeed my vote did—to that courageous and good man, Chairman Otis Pike, who with his committee colleagues has tried to slow down the inexorable march to 1984.

When such men as Mr. Pike are put down, and the system of secrecy at any cost is raised up, God help us all.

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